

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, Applicant elects Group I, Claim 1, with traverse.

It is believed that the requirement should not be repeated for the following reasons:

1. No such requirement was made in the corresponding PCT application.

2. The claims are in the usual form, of one basic claim plus a number of dependent claims. The basic claims sets forth the broadest patentable subject matter of the present invention, and the dependent claims add further details to the recitation of the basic claim. However, that does not imply that the dependent claims are drawn to separate inventions: It is not a matter of independent inventions, but rather a matter of a broad claim and more narrow claims.

3. It is not accurate to indicate that claim 1 is met by the prior art. The present invention relates to a chassis comprising a central beam and at least one horizontal frame rigid in itself and rigidly affixed to the beam, this frame or frames being furthermore dimensioned such that the user's seat and part of the user's legs are located inside the frame or frames during pedaling. By contrast, FR 910 287 discloses no frame, that is, no continuous part extending from the front end of the beam to the rear end thereof, rigid in itself and rigidly fixed to the beam. The rods are provided for steering the front wheels via

vertical levers and to support the canopy. However, similar distinctions apply to the other cited references.

4. The French patent was indeed cited in the International Search Report, but only as technical background, indicated by the letter "A." Therefore, it is not appropriate to bring this French patent to the fore at the present time as though it were a reference that could have been marked "X" or "Y."

5. As the claims other than claim 1 all depend from claim 1, directly or indirectly, it cannot be said that the subject matter recited in those dependent claims constitutes inventions separate and distinct from that of claim 1.

6. No separate classification has been indicated for the allegedly independent inventions.

In view of any or all of these reasons, therefore, it is believed that an examination as to the merits of all the claims in the case is in order, and such is respectfully requested.

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